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## Things Moving at Commercial Club

As the Tidings is going to press today the finishing touches are being put on the new Commercial Club office. A big gold leaf sign is being plastered on the window, "Hop" Purucker, Clark Bush and Henry Enders of the house committee and a corps of willing workers are arranging the furniture and fixtures, and the club office will be open for inspection in the morning. And it surely is a beauty. Any housewife would be proud of a room so spick and span, and any office man would be overjoyed to have an opportunity to sit in an office so tastefully and efficiently arranged. But, then, step in next time you are down town and see it yourself. The house committee has surely worked wonders and the Commercial Club has the nicest office in Ashland.

At the Monday night meeting of the club, the first held in the city hall council chamber, the house committee reported the sale of the billiard tables to E. R. Greive, realizing a sum for them which will pay the expenses of moving and fixing up the new quarters and go a long ways toward clearing off the few dollars of indebtedness which the club is fast melting away. In the past three months great progress has been made in clearing up the indebtedness of the club, and another couple of months will see the Ashland Commercial Club free from debt and squarely on its feet. The house committee explained what they were doing but withheld a full report until the moving work is over. Disposal of the piano, which is the club's property, was discussed and will be investigated further.

Secretary F. J. Shinn was instructed to prepare a resolution of thanks from the club and present it to the city council, thanking them for the action taken in regard to helping the Commercial Club with the securing of new quarters.

Plans for a house-warming when the new quarters are finished were left to the house committee.

A letter from the Portland Chamber of Commerce asking the Ashland club to send a representative to a meeting which is to be held in Tacoma on October 11 for the purpose of mobilizing the organizations of the northwest in a co-operative endeavor to attract tourist travel to the northwest, was read and discussed, and arrangements may be made to have Ashland represented at least at a meeting which will be held in Portland prior to the Tacoma meet.

Road matters in general and the Dead Indian road in particular were discussed, and Messrs. Shinn and Frohbach reported that they had made one trip to the county seat and would make another Thursday (today) for the purpose of securing co-operation from the county in securing aid from the sum which the government has set aside for the improvement of roads in the forest reserve. Their report indicated that there was a good chance of securing this aid next year, although it was too late to get in on this year's appropriation. A determined effort will be made to this end.

Two amendments to the charter were passed, both minor. One does away with the five dollars admission fee to the club and the other changes the charter so that small details of club finances are left to the board of trustees of twelve members.

The club will be settled down in the new quarters by next week and ready to begin a campaign to make the Ashland Commercial Club the biggest and liveliest organization in a city of this size on the coast.

## Valley Ministers Meet Here Monday

The Rogue River Valley Ministerial Association meets in Ashland next Monday at the Congregational church. Ministers from all denominations and from every town in the valley will be here. Business meeting and various discussions will be held and the following program features: A paper by Rev. H. A. Carnahan on "Tolerance of Evil"; a paper by Rev. Alfred A. J. Hogg of Medford on "The Inspiration of the Bible"; book reviews by Rev. L. M. Booser of Grants Pass and Rev. D. D. Edwards of Ashland, and other features. A dinner will be served at noon.



Hon. A. E. Clark.

Hon. A. E. Clark of Portland, who will speak in Ashland on the evening of Wednesday, October 11, is not only one of the leading lawyers of Oregon, but a speaker of exceptional ability. Mr. Clark was the candidate of the progressive party for senator in 1912. He is of Scotch-Irish parentage; worked his way through college cutting wood, driving logs and bossing railroad construction in northern Minnesota. He became a lawyer when 23 years of age, practicing in the state of Minnesota until he came to Portland in 1906. He was a member of the commission appointed to revise judicial procedure in Oregon; was chairman of the citizen's charter commission of Portland.

## Shoot It Full of Gold with Revolver

"Sure, that was easy," said Dave Good. "We shot it full of gold with a revolver." And it looked like someone had sprinkled gold on it out of a salt shaker. "It" was a beautiful piece of white quartz, speckled and in spots almost covered with little flakes and specks of gold. Dave, with the familiarity which digging the stuff out has bred, stated that he "guessed he would have a couple of watch charms turned out for me and my partner." He passed by inquiries regarding progress with the remark that they were getting out quite a little and launched into a discourse on how good the flaps-jacks which he and his fellow miners had for breakfast every morning tasted.

"How much did you bring in?" we inquired.

"Oh, just enough dust to pay the grocery bill and buy up a few supplies," he stated, and sticking a handful of golden quartz carelessly into his trousers pocket, moved on to the next stop.

Dave and his partner are laboring hard at the rich Hungry creek claims which they purchased, and Dave exhibits a pair of heavily calloused hands to prove it.

## Studio Ashland Wins Leslie Prize

The Studio Ashland received the third prize from Leslie's Weekly for the best photograph of a current news event during the month of July. Their photograph was of Donal Canon winning the saddle in the bucking contest at the Rogue River Roundup at Ashland.

## Last Month's Weather Ideal

September was an almost ideal month for Ashland. Only four days were cloudy in the entire month, although five others were partly cloudy. The rain was far below the average for September rainfall, but came early in the month when it would do the most good. The month was lacking in extremely warm weather, the maximum being 92 degrees on the 14th. The minimum was 35, there being no frosts. Sixty-five was the lowest daily maximum. The report of Observer Dodge appears elsewhere in this issue.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

## Brethren of State Convening Here

The state conference of the Church of the Brethren is assembling in Ashland this week. Ministers and lay members from all over Oregon are in attendance and interesting sessions are held morning, afternoon and evening at the Brethren church on Iowa street, opposite the high school. Rev. P. S. VanDyke of Newberg will deliver a missionary sermon this evening and Rev. A. J. Ellenberger of Klamath Falls a temperance talk tomorrow evening. The mornings and afternoons are given over to departmental work.

## Thermometer Takes A Sudden Descent

The thermometer dropped most emphatically with the coming of October, and Tuesday night went down to 23 degrees above zero, which is pretty chilly considering the fact that most people have yet to take advantage of the unparalleled values in winter underwear at the Ashland stores. Things froze up badly, tomatoes which were still on the vines and other vegetables feeling the nip.

## City Will Widen Park Avenue

Immediate steps are to be taken for the widening of Park avenue from the Pell corner to the creamery by the purchase of the Billings barn property and acceptance of a gift of a small slice off the Perozzi property. This was authorized at the Tuesday council meeting. The city will pay Mr. Billings \$375 for his property, which is 30 by 20 feet and upon which stands his barn. Mr. Billings agrees to remove the barn within twenty-five days. Considerable argument ensued over this purchase, Mr. Cornelius believing it too big a price and the other councilmen taking the view that it was worth the price to Mr. Billings, who would have to pay stable rent otherwise since he drives to town every day. Mr. Root stated that Mr. Billings had shown him that the barn was worth more than the interest on \$500 to him. In view of the fact that expediency was deemed better than delay, and probably legal action would cost the city more than Mr. Billings' price, the deal was authorized.

D. Perozzi deeds to the city for one dollar all the land needed from his property for the widening, the city to move back his barn to the new property line. The committee in charge of the matter was granted more time in their negotiations with the Chautauqua people regarding the strip needed on the other side.

## One Hundred Fifty Pioneers Gather

Word coming from Jacksonville this afternoon states that 150 southern Oregon pioneers are already in attendance at the reunion, with more coming in all the time. Miss Mollie Towne delighted the gathering with a beautiful tribute to the pioneers this morning and a big dinner was served this noon. Musical and literary numbers were also given and the program is being continued this afternoon.

## Will Sell Lithia Water in Portland

R. A. Minkler, a member of the springs water commission prior to his removal to a ranch in the Willamette valley, and who has since been back in Ashland, left this week for Portland, where he will establish offices and handle Ashland lithia water. The water will be shipped from here in bottles and tanks by the Ashland Lithia Water Company, who have had the water on the market for some time past. Mr. Minkler expects to build up a big trade in Portland, and states that he finds a great demand there already because of the advertising which Ashland lithia water has received. The proposition will work two ways, Ashland securing a great deal of advertising from the lithia water sold in Portland. Retail and wholesale marketing will be gone into.

## Blue Ledge Mine To Be Worked

Manager F. W. Carnahan of the Blue Ledge mine has engaged about twelve men, according to the Medford papers, and will start operations at the Blue Ledge mine immediately. This force will be greatly increased and the property put in shape for full operation in the spring. When a sufficient amount of ore has been blocked out it will be either shipped out on the projected railroad, should that materialize, or hauled on trucks to Medford. The Blue Ledge is an immense copper district lying west of Jacksonville.

## Judge Withington Passes at Medford

Holbrook Withington, for the past ten years one of the best known and popular residents of Medford, died at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, October 4, at the Sacred Heart hospital, aged 42 years, from a complication of diseases from which he had suffered for the past year. The end was due to heart failure and came suddenly, as only last Saturday he was able to visit about town.

## Club and Council Will Work Together

Recognizing the fact that park and mineral waters should be placed in the hands of a new board to have control of both, and also that provision for funds for the maintenance and vitalization of the resort project should be made, but being unable to accept the charter amendment in its entirety as offered by the Commercial Club board of trustees, the city council Tuesday night voted to turn down the request to place the amendment before the people, and immediately followed this with the unanimous passage of a motion requesting the president of the Commercial Club to call a meeting at some future date of the trustees and invite the city council and city attorney to attend for the purpose of formulating an amendment which in the opinion of all would be suitable. This action followed a discussion of some length which was participated in by the councilmen and President Smith of the Commercial Club. The proposed charter amendment as offered by the Commercial Club proposed to do away with the park board and springs water commission and place the whole project in the hands of a new board. Provisions were also made for funds for the work. The discussion was most harmonious, without a single discordant note, and augurs well for good results when the council and club get together to formulate the new amendment.

## State Prohi Field Worker is Here

Mrs. Juliette M. F. Francis, field secretary of the Oregon prohibition state committee, is here from Portland to organize the local prohibition forces. She is stopping at the Hotel Austin and is anxious to get in touch with local workers. A committee will be organized here and a gathering of some kind held next week with Mark B. Weatherford as the principal speaker.

## Plan to Cut Corner Off Library Park

In order to relieve the congestion which so often occurs at the corner of Gresham and Main streets at the White House grocery corner, the realty committee and the city attorney are investigating the possibility of cutting off a corner of the triangular shaped park at the corner and widening Gresham street at the corner. But a little piece of the park would be necessary to make a radical difference in the shape of the street there and would allow much more room. Autoists who have had occasion to drive down Gresham street know well the difficulty which is experienced under present conditions in turning to the right.

The Oregon Power Company plans extension of its power line from Marshfield to Bandon.

## FARM LOAN MEET SATURDAY.

There will be a meeting of the farmers of the district at the city hall next Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Others interested besides the landowners and renters are also urged to attend. Ashland has one of the first loan associations in the state and everyone interested should become a charter member by attending Saturday's meeting. Speakers who know their subject will explain details of the act.

## Conference Returns Methodist Pastors

At the recent Methodist conference at Lebanon the following local appointments were confirmed for another year: Rev. H. J. Van Fossen, superintendent of the Klamath district; Rev. W. J. Douglass, Ashland; Rev. M. C. Reed, Talent. These three clergymen reside here.

## New Proprietor Ashland Cafe

H. R. Gray has taken over the Ashland Hotel dining room and is making extensive changes and improvements. A competent white cook has been employed to replace the Chinese cooks who have been used in the kitchen recently and new equipment installed.

## Hughes Alliance Holds Meeting

The first meeting of the Ashland Hughes Alliance was held in the library Wednesday afternoon and a most enthusiastic session held. A permanent organization was effected with the four officers elected at the mass meeting retained as permanent officers, these being Mrs. D. Perozzi, president; Mrs. Nellie Briggs, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Pell, secretary; Mrs. Hum Pracht, treasurer.

Ben Sheldon and C. M. Thomas, the republican nominees for representatives from this county to the state legislature, spoke, making a fine impression, as did also W. H. Gore, the republican nominee for joint representative. Several subjects of current importance were discussed, the normal question and other local problems among them. The candidates made an especially strong plea for the support of the whole delegation so that Jackson county could have a united representation in the legislature, which is bound to be overwhelmingly republican. To wield any influence for the county, a full republican representation is deemed absolutely necessary. County Chairman Bert Anderson also addressed the meeting, making an impressive talk.

Mrs. Perozzi appointed twenty-four delegates to the state conferences of Hughes Alliances which will be held in Portland tomorrow.

A reception committee to greet the Hughes Women Special which will arrive here on October 15 was appointed and plans laid to give the visitors a royal demonstration.

## Fred Herrin Buys Blue Ribbon Rams

While on a visit to the state fair at Salem last week, Fred Herrin purchased two registered rams and a registered ewe with which to improve his registered sheep herds. One of the rams was purchased before the awards were made and the former owner was sorry for himself and Fred correspondingly jubilant when the beast received the blue ribbon in his class. The registered stock are Ramouilletts and were bought of Schmidt Bros. of Oregon City. Originally they came from the famous Butterfield herd in Weiser, Idaho. The two rams and ewe arrived in Ashland Sunday and were much admired.

Over 600 men are now employed directly and indirectly upon street improvement work at Astoria. The viaduct systems will consume over four million feet of lumber.

## Council Meeting Proves Interesting

The chief of police, mayor, city engineer and various other officials, spectators and hangers-on built the first fire of the season in the old sheet iron stove in the council chamber Tuesday evening, the occasion being the first October meeting.

While the room grew warmer and warmer and finally hotter and hotter, the recorder read the minutes and the usual monthly and quarterly reports. The regular batch of bills were ordered paid.

Superintendent of Cemeteries Eugene Walrad was granted his annual vacation. A. L. Irwin will take his place during his absence.

City Electrician Strickland stated that the work of the department would hardly allow him to take a ten days' layoff and that he would like to take the ten days one at a time as opportunity offered. Permission was granted.

Chester Stevenson asked that the council pass a resolution releasing his bonds, this coming as an aftermath to his resignation from the springs water commission several months ago. A resolution of thanks from the Commercial Club was accepted.

The street committee reported that extensive improvements on the board walks in several parts of town were needed and the street superintendent was asked to instruct the property owners to repair the walks which were in poor condition. There are but few bits of board walk left in the city and much of it needs repair. No doubt some of it will be replaced by more permanent walk this fall.

Matters pertaining to the widening of Park avenue were discussed as elsewhere reported.

An offer of par plus 1 1/2 per cent premium, plus interest, from the First National Bank for a bond which the city has for sale was rejected and the bond taken over by the depreciation fund of the electric light department. This was conceded to be a good move as the electric light department's depreciation fund has considerable surplus which is only drawing 2 per cent and which will not be needed during the ten-year life of the bond.

Councilman Cornelius was granted a ten days' leave of absence to commence about the 15th of this month. The street department was ordered to repaint the markings on the pavement which direct the autoists in the way they shall go.

A new electric stove for the jail is needed, a fractions prisoner having broken up the last one in a moment of exuberance last winter. The new stove was ordered. Mr. Lamb suggested that the city electrician fix the stove so that the next prisoner who gets familiar with it will receive a shocking sensation.

Cutting off a corner of the little park at the corner of Gresham and Main streets was discussed as elsewhere reported.

A change in the arrangement of the pen that holds in the council, or rather, holds out the common herd, was left to the finance committee.

The petition concerning the charter amendment proposed by the Commercial Club trustees was taken from the table and by unanimous vote was rejected.

A transfer of funds from one fund to another was authorized, and the meeting adjourned.

## Smith-Emery Contract Settled

Final settlement was made last week of the claim of Smith, Emery & Co. against the city of Ashland on the springs physical plant contract. When the plant was offered for acceptance the commission had \$15,000 which would have been due Smith, Emery & Co. had the plant been accepted.

The springs water commission did not deem the plant in proper condition for acceptance at the time and withheld the last \$15,000 payment. In the meantime the commission went forward putting the plant in condition for acceptance and paying the expense out of the Smith-Emery contract money.

Last week the matter was finally settled upon payment by the commission of \$9,452 in full settlement of all claims against the city by reason of the Smith-Emery contract.

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